

Raytown's

***Tree
Of The Year
Award***



Sponsored by

***The Raytown
Tree Board
&
Smith Bros.
Hardware***



*“I think that I shall never see
A Poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth’s sweet flowering breast;
A Tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.”*

Joyce Kilmer

Introduction:



Trees! They are all around us. They provide shade and cool our environment. They produce oxygen for us to breathe and habitat for

both birds and animals. They reduce erosion, clean our air, and buffer the sounds around us. Often taken for granted, trees help make life possible on our planet.

Raytown is one of the older communities in the region and because of this we are blessed with many wonderful trees.

The Raytown Tree Board in association with Smith Bros. Hardware would like to promote and recognize this fact, by sponsoring a “Tree of the Year” contest for the Citizens of Raytown.



The Contest:

Residents of Raytown are encouraged to nominate trees that are located within the City Limits of Raytown for this recognition.

All entries will be judged by the Raytown Tree Board. All decisions of the Raytown Tree Board are final. All submitted entry forms become the property of the Raytown Tree Board.



Prizes:

The Property Owner with the winning Tree will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate from Smith Bros. Hardware, a Certificate of Achievement and a lawn sign signifying that this is the location of the Raytown Tree of the Year. Prize will be awarded at the Raytown Arbor Day Celebration next spring.

How to Enter:

Complete the attached Official Entry Form and return it to Smith Bros. Hardware Store, 63rd and Raytown Trafficway. Entries must be received by the last day of October.

Questions? Call 358-4100.

Raytown Tree of the Year

Official Entry Form

Street Address where Tree is Located

Location of Tree on Property

Variety of Tree (If Known)

Name of Property Owner (if known)

Phone No. / Cell No. (if known)

Why should this tree be the Raytown Tree of the Year?

(Please use back for additional comments)

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